

**REMARKS**

It is noted that in the Advisory Action dated February 3, 2003, it is stated that the response filed on December 26, 2002 does not place the application in better form for purposes of appeal and therefor will not be entered. However, in the response filed on December 26, 2002, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 9 so as to eliminate the subject matter introduced in Applicant's last response, which was deemed new matter by the Examiner. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of the original claim 2, which was indicated to be allowable if so amended.

As claims 2-18 were previously indicated to be allowable if amended in the foregoing manner, and the other pending rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, was overcome by the elimination of the language questioned by the Examiner from the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the response filed on December 26, 2002 overcomes all pending rejections, and therefore places all pending claims in condition for allowance, as there are no rejections applicable to the pending claims.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the previous response be entered, and the application passed to issuance.


If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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